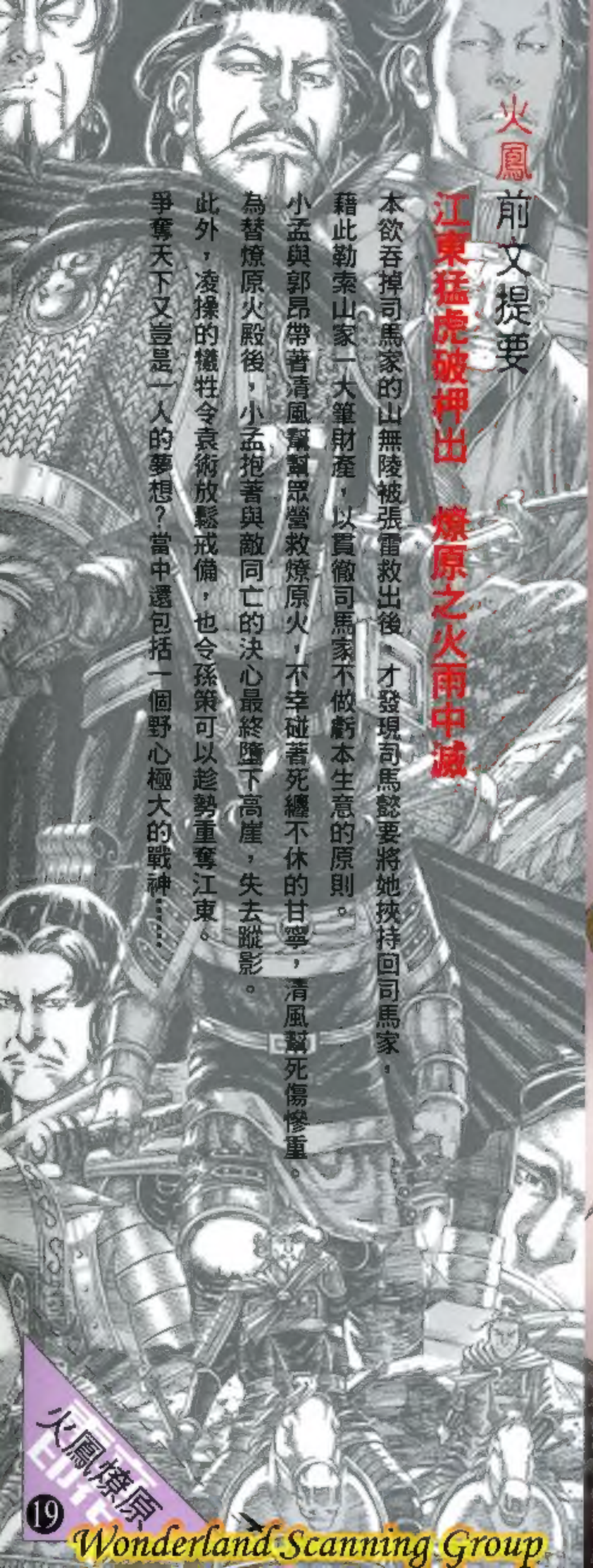

火鳳前文提要

江東猛虎破柙出　燎原之火雨中滅

本欲吞掉司馬家的山無陵被張雷救出後，才發現司馬懿要將她挾持回司馬家，藉此勒索山家一大筆財產，以貫徹司馬家不做虧本生意的原則。

小孟與郭昂帶著清風幫幫眾營救燎原火，不幸碰著死纏不休的甘寧，清風幫死傷慘重。為替燎原火殿後，小孟抱著與敵同亡的決心最終墮下高崖，失去蹤影。

此外，凌操的犧牲令袁術放鬆戒備，也令孫策可以趁勢重奪江東。

爭奪天下又豈是一人的夢想？當中還包括一個野心極大的戰神……

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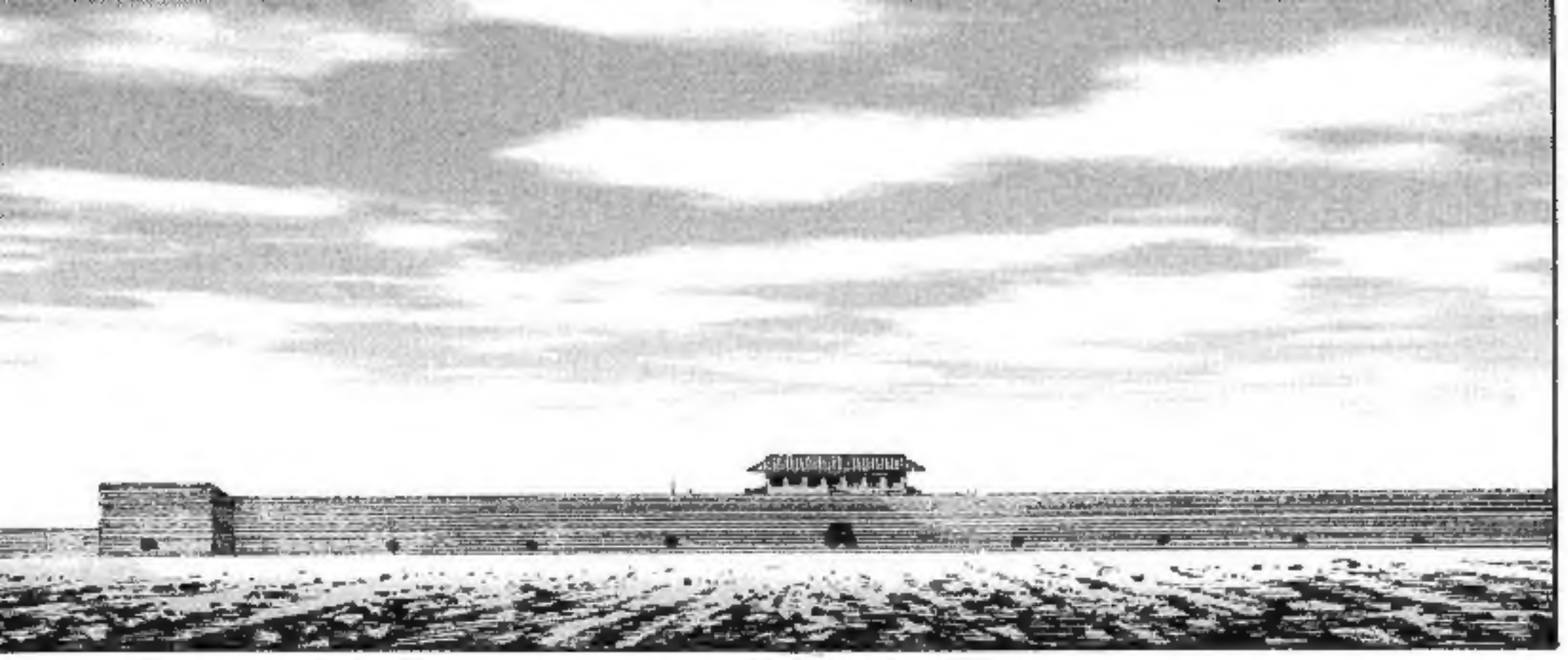

NO WAY, THAT'S TOO CHEAP!

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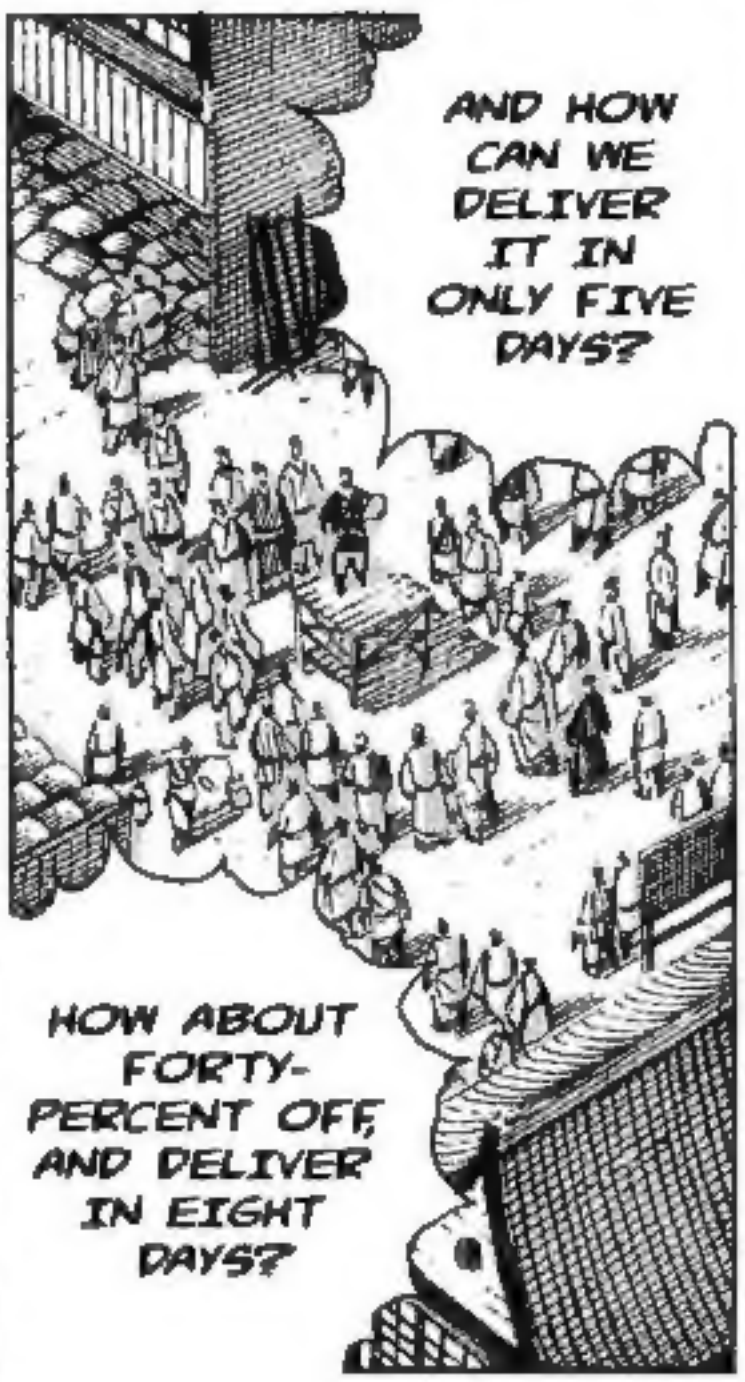
AND HOW CAN WE DELIVER IT IN ONLY FIVE DAYS?
HOW ABOUT FORTY-PERCENT OFF, AND DELIVER IN EIGHT DAYS?

ABSOLUTELY NOT! WE ALREADY LOST MONEY LAST TIME!

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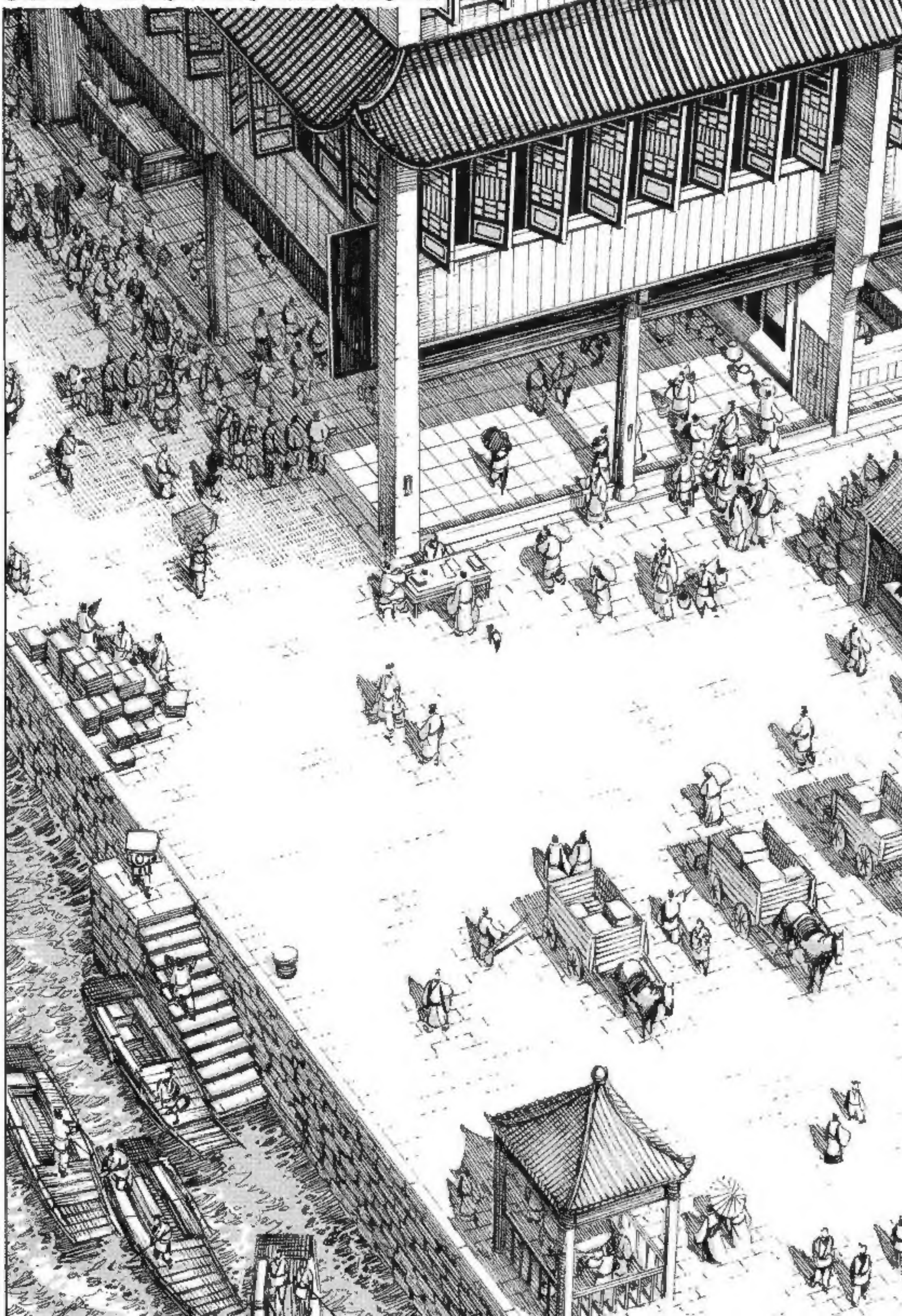

YES, AND THEIR DEMAND THIS TIME IS RIDIC-ULOUS!

CAO CAO SENT SOMEONE OVER AGAIN?

"THEIR REQUIREMENTS ARE OVER THE LINE"

IS IT LIKE THIS OVER AT YOUR SECTOR TOO?

AY, NO BETTER ...

IPA IPA IPA

...IS YOUNG MASTER HERE?

HE'S WORKING INSIDE.

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

HE DELAYED PAYMENT AGAIN?

YES, HE OWES US THIRTEEN HUNDRED THOUSAND.

MISTER SIMA, WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR LONG.

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? HE HOLDS A BARGAINING CHIP.

A NET LOSS.

NOT EVEN YOUR YOUNG MASTER DARES TO DISRESPECT ME; HOW DARE YOU?

YOU CAN'T BARGE IN, OFF-ICER!

YOUR LIVES WOULDN'T BE SO PEACEFUL HAD MY LORD NOT PROTECTED YANZHOU. BE GRATEFUL, HOW CAN YOU HESITATE TO SUPPLY THIS TINY BIT OF MILITARY FUND?

SIMA YI! LISTEN UP!

BUT... BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY...

OH, RIGHT, I FORGOT.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO FULFILL ALL OF LORD CAO CAO'S DEMANDS?

MISTER YANG, PLEASE HANDLE THE REST FOR YOUNG MASTER.

OK.

LEI, ANOTHER ONE WITHOUT RETURN VALUE.

YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.

DON'T LET THE BRATS KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO XIAO MENG.

STILL NO NEWS OF HUO?

*"PAPER CANNOT WRAP A FIRE FOREVER"

LEI,

THE BRATS WILL GROW UP AT SOME POINT. THEY WILL SEE THROUGH THE LIES...

YES.

WHO CAN STOP HIM IF HE WANTS TO LEAVE?

CANCEL THE MARRIAGE, AND SEND MS. SUN HOME.

SHE'S STILL YOUNG, NO NEED TO WASTE HER LIFE HERE.

WH... WHAT?

BUT, HUO....

AND IF THEY SEE THIS AS OUR GESTURE OF GOOD WILL, THEY MIGHT RETURN THE FAVOR LATER.

YEAH...

HOW ABOUT IT? NEW LEADER...

THE LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS NEVER LASTS LONG AT HIS POST.

THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE EMPEROR...

HUAYING COUNTY

NOT TOO BAD I ATE SOME BEFORE WHEN I WAS A REFUGEE.

IS THAT... EDIBLE?

LI JUE AND GUO SI'S IN-FIGHTINGS HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. OFFICIALS ARE IN A POWER STRUGGLE, MAKING HIS MAJESTY THE CENTER OF ALL THE MISERY.

SINCE WE'RE ON THE RUN... GENERAL YANG, DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE?

IT IS SAID THAT LUOYANG IS BEING REBUILT. WE CAN RETURN TO THE OLD CAPITAL.

WE WOULD HAVE ALL BEEN KILLED IN THE CHAOS HAD YOU NOT RESCUED US, GENERAL YANG.

NO, IT IS MY DUTY AS AN OFFICER.

THEN HIS MAJESTY CAN MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, CALLING FOR THE VARIOUS LORDS TO HELP HIM.

GENERAL WHO ADVOCATES RIGHTEOUSNESS

YANG FENG

"THE HAN DYNASTY LIVES; IT CAN THRIVE AGAIN!"

THEN... I WILL GO AND MAKE THE PREP-ARATIONS!

HIS MAJESTY WILL REMEMBER GENERAL YANG'S HEROIC DEED.

GENERAL WHO PEACEFULLY CREATES A GATHERING

DONG CHENG

SO YANG FENG APPEARS TO HAVE THE WILL TO HOLD ME HOSTAGE.

THE HIGH RANKS WANT POWER, THE LOW RANKS WANT POWER... NEVER ENDING.

YOUR MAJESTY IS STILL YOUNG, YOU HAVE MANY DAYS AHEAD...

THERE MUST BE SOME TALENTED LOYALISTS IN THIS BIG WORLD; AS LONG AS YOUR MAJESTY IS SAFE, IMPERIAL HAN CAN BE RESTORED.

SO I'VE HEARD, OVER AND OVER, EVER SINCE WE MOVED TO CHANGAN.

SOMETIMES A MAN JUST WON'T SPEAK HIS MIND. I REALLY MISS...

YOUR MAJESTY, THIS... THIS IS HUAYING'S SPECIAL...

THE TIME WHEN DONG ZHUO ENTERED THE CAPITAL, HIS *HEARTFELT TRUTH.*

IN 195 AD, LI JUE AND GUO SI FOUGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES WHILE LI JUE'S SUBORDINATE YANG FENG SECRETLY ESCAPED CHANGAN WITH XIANDI LIU XIE.

AFTERWARDS LI AND GUO REALIZED THAT IT IS NOT BENEFICIAL FOR THEM IF LIU XIE MOVES EASTWARD.

FLAG READS: LI

SO THEY CALLED A TRUCE, REUNITED AGAIN TO TRY TO CAPTURE LIU XIE.

PLEASE GET ON THE CARRIAGE, YOUR MAJESTY, WE'RE LEAVING!

THE ENEMY IS COMING!

EVERYBODY GET READY!

TEAM THREE COVER THE REAR!

HURRY! TEAM TWO TO THE FRONT!

CALL THE REAR TEAM'S GENERAL XU!

SOMETIMES I WONDER, WHAT ROLE DID THE EMPEROR OF ZHOU PLAY DURING THE WARRING PERIOD?

WAS HE THE KING OF THE WORLD? OR A LISTENER TO SHALLOW WORDS?

OR A SPECTATOR OF A DECLINING SOCIETY?

WAS HE A PROUD SON OF HEAVEN?

CHEER UP.

PA~

HOW DARE YOU!

THE FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN WAS ONCE A MARQUIS, YET HIS WORLD,

WHY SIT AND WAIT FOR DEATH, WHEN YOU CAN STAND WITH YOUR HEAD UP!

THE SHALLOWNESS FROM MEN OF LETTERS IS NO MATCH FOR THE HARD TRUTH FROM MEN OF ACTION!

WAS OBTAINED THROUGH CONQUEST TOO!

AN EMPEROR'S WORLD HAD TO BE CONQUERED, AND THAT IS THE ROOT OF THE IRONY.

IT IS IRONIC WHEN THOSE WITH ASPIRATIONS ARE BORN IN THE WRONG TIME.

YOU'RE REALLY NOT LEAVING, GENERAL ZHANG?

LEAVING? CHANGAN IS NO LONGER LIKE A CAPITAL, AND ENEMIES ARE EVERYWHERE. WHERE CAN I GO?

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ZHANG JI

VICTORS JUSTIFIED AND LOSERS DEMONIZED. IT IS ALL FATE.

CROOKS ... I SEE THEM EVERY-WHERE!

VICTORS BECOME THE LOYALIST WHILE LOSERS THE CROOK. WHEN ONE'S REPUTATION IS RUINED, HE REMAINS A CROOK FOREVER.

THIS SOCIAL CLIMATE NEVER CHANGES.

WHEN YOU ARE IN POWER, EVERYONE SUBMITS; WHEN YOU WEAKEN, EVERYONE WILL START SOME TROUBLE.

WHAT ELSE WILL I MISS...

I'M DONE ENJOYING POWER AND RICHES.

CROOKS KILLING CROOKS, THEN SAYING IT'S FOR JUSTICE. I DON'T INTEND TO LET THEM OFF THAT EASY

YOU LACK TALENT, BUT YOUR CLEAN-UP WORK WAS QUITE SYSTEMATIC.

JIA XU, YOU ARE ALWAYS SO OUTSPOKEN.

CROOKS DON'T LIKE TO HEAR THE TRUTH EITHER YOU KNOW!

RIGHT, MY LORD (DONG ZHUO) USED TO SAY THAT AS WELL, SADLY... VANITY IS HARD TO RESIST!

WE ARE READY TO GO, MISTER JIA.

SO,

I LEAVE THAT LAD ZHANG XIU IN YOUR CARE.

WE LIVE IN CHAOS NOW BECAUSE PEOPLE GOT USED TO LIES.

WHY DO YOU CRY? IT'S NOT A HOPELESS FIGHT. TRUST ME, I'LL BE BACK SOON.

RETIRE TO THE BACK SCENE IS MUCH BETTER THAN THROWING LIVES AWAY LIKE THOSE TWO FOOLS.

LET ME SAY IT AGAIN, CAO CAO ALREADY ACCEPTED ZHANG XIU, SO WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?

A CROOK WILL ALWAYS BE A CROOK.

LETTING CAO CAO EXPLOIT ME ... AND HURTING XIU-ER IN THE PROCESS ...

HE WILL END BADLY NO MATTER WHERE HE GOES.

I MIGHT AS WELL FOLLOW THOSE TWO FOOLS TO SEE OUR LORD...

YOU SIR, ARE A FOOL TOO.

IT IS STILL... SO UNPLEA-SANT TO HEAR.

AND ONLY FOOLS END THIS WAY...

THAT'S RIGHT, FOOLS ARE EVERYWHERE;

GENERAL LI AND GUO HAVE ALMOST CAUGHT UP WITH HIS MAJESTY.

WHERE ARE THOSE TWO FOOLS?

IF YOU MEN STAY WITH ME...

I'LL SAY THIS AGAIN,

THERE IS ONLY... DEATH!

THERE'S ANOTHER GROUP TO OUR RIGHT!

LUOYANG IS JUST BEYOND THE VALLEY UP AHEAD;

SOME OF MY MEN IN THE VALLEY WILL ASSIST US. HURRY!

COMMAN-
DERS
WANT TO
TALK!

LOOM~

AMBUSH!

VALLEY,

ONCE WE SUCCEED,

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

LI JUE

NO MORE IN-FIGHTING!

GENERAL OF CHARIOTS AND CAVALRY

GUO SI

GOOD!

嗡~

ONCE WE SUCC-EED...

DEPUTY,

LI JUE'S HEAD WILL BE ON YOUR DESK!

MY LORD WAS RIGHT. CHAOS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT WHEN PEOPLE BECAME ACCUSTOMED TO LIES.

GOOD!

PIK

THEY... THEY CAUGHT UP!

LOOM

CUI YONG

AH, DONG CHENG'S CHARIOT...

HIS MAJESTY LEAVES ALL BECAUSE OF THE SELFISH OF [illegible] DONG CHENG

A CROOK'S PATH...

ONLY...

IMPRESSIVE!

LEADS TO,

DEATH.

CHA~
YOU!

PA~

YOU!

YOU!

YOU!

YOU!

YOU!

IN THIS CHAOS, ARE LOYALISTS' PATH ALSO NO DIFFERENT...?

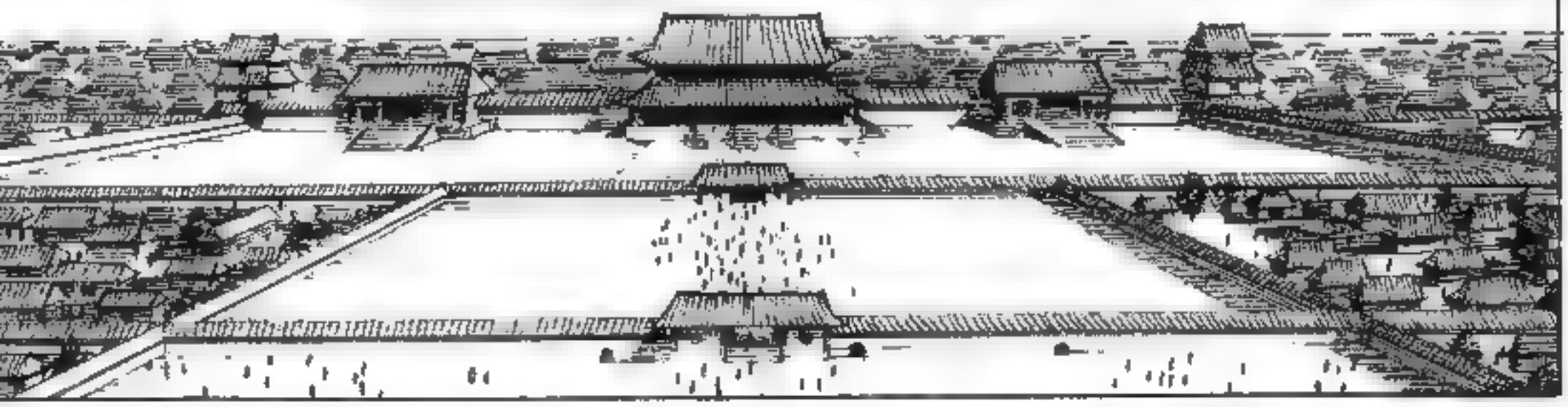
NO DIFF-ERENT!

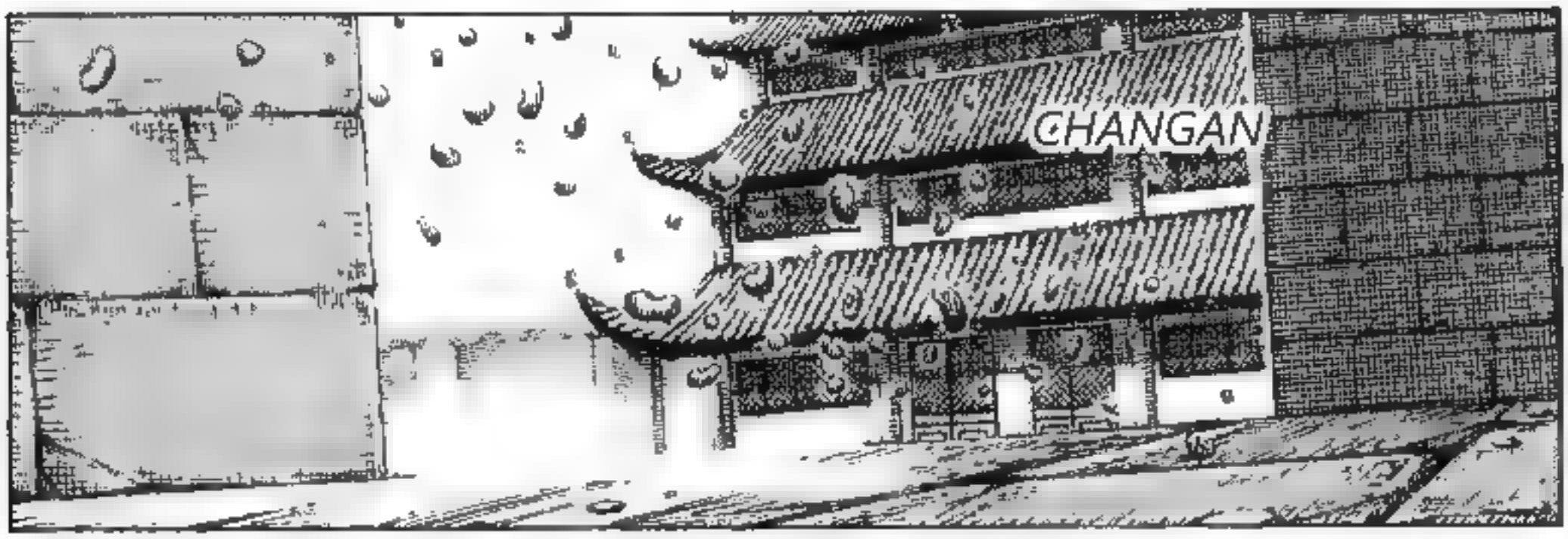
WHY ARE THEY BORN IN THE WRONG TIME?

HOW IRONIC!

THOUGH THE IRONY IS..
HEROES ARE CREATED IN
DESPERATE TIMES!

IT IS IRONIC
WHEN ONE FINALLY
LEARNS THE WAY
WHEN IT IS TOO LATE.





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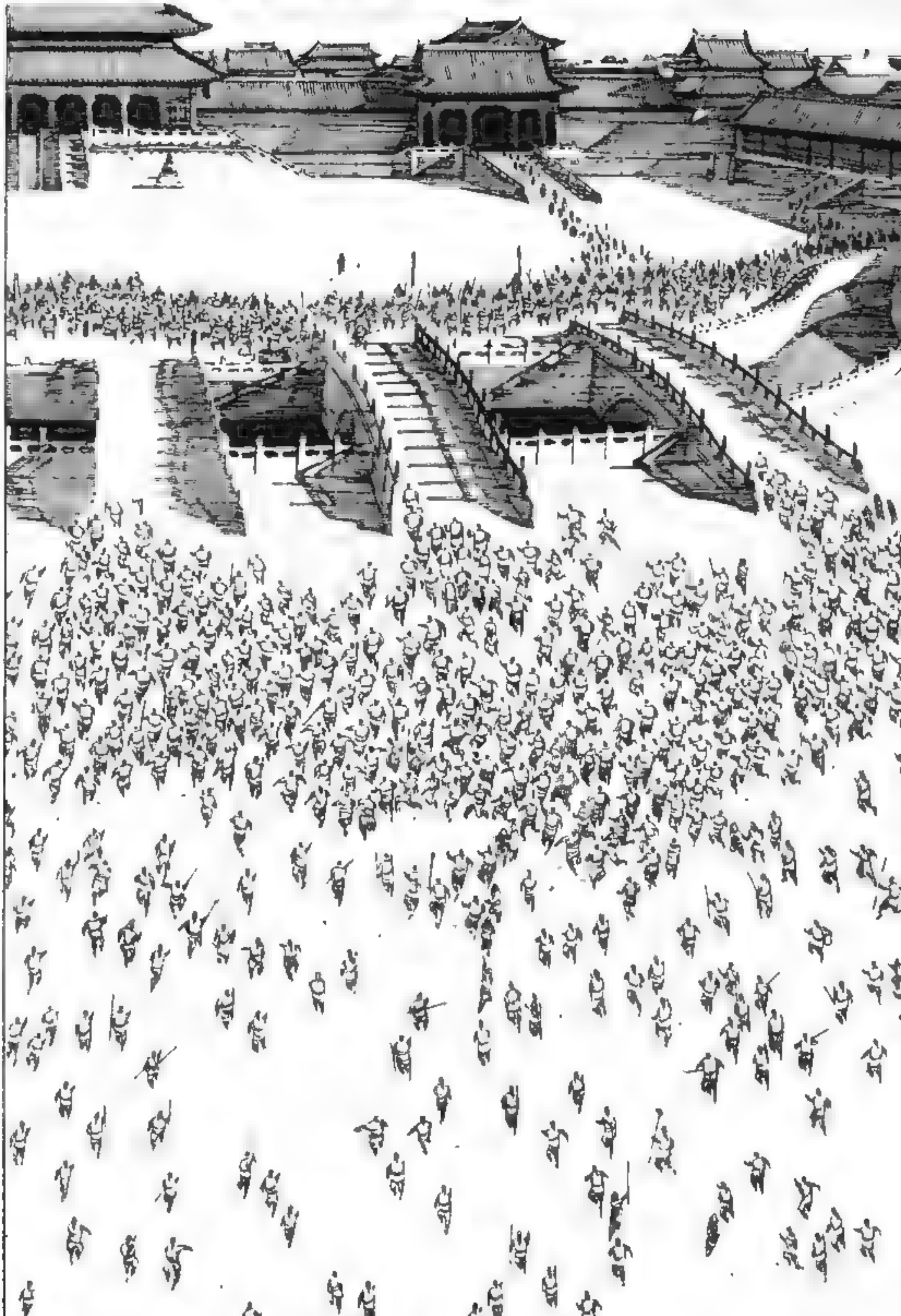


I REPEAT, KILL ANYONE WHO DARES TO STORM THE IMPERIAL PALACE!

CHANGAN IS NO LONGER AN ORDERLY CAPITAL. STARVING PEOPLE WOULD EVEN DARE TO LOOT THE IMPERIAL PALACE...

IS THIS STILL THE IMPERIAL PALACE IF THE EMPEROR HAS ALREADY LEFT?

HOW CAN YOU JOKE AROUND WHEN WE'RE IN SUCH DANGER?

HAHAHA, THIS PALACE MUST BE THE MOST "PEASANT-FRIENDLY" ONE IN HISTORY.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?

THE COMMON PEOPLE DARE TO TAKE A HUGE RISK FOR SURVIVAL, YET OUR FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN ...

OUR LORDS WON'T COMPROMISE WHILE WE'RE SURROUNDED BY AMBITIOUS WARLORDS.

DUAN WEI

HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO ENJOY HIMSELF. NO WONDER EVERYONE WANTS TO BE THE EMPEROR

WHOM ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT, OR TO STEAL THINGS?

WU XI

WU XI! HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR YOUR FUTURE?

咚咚

AHH, IT BROKE! IT BROKE!

BRO, DOES THIS WORLD STILL BELONG TO THE LIU CLAN?

IT'S NIGHTTIME, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO OPEN OUR EYES!

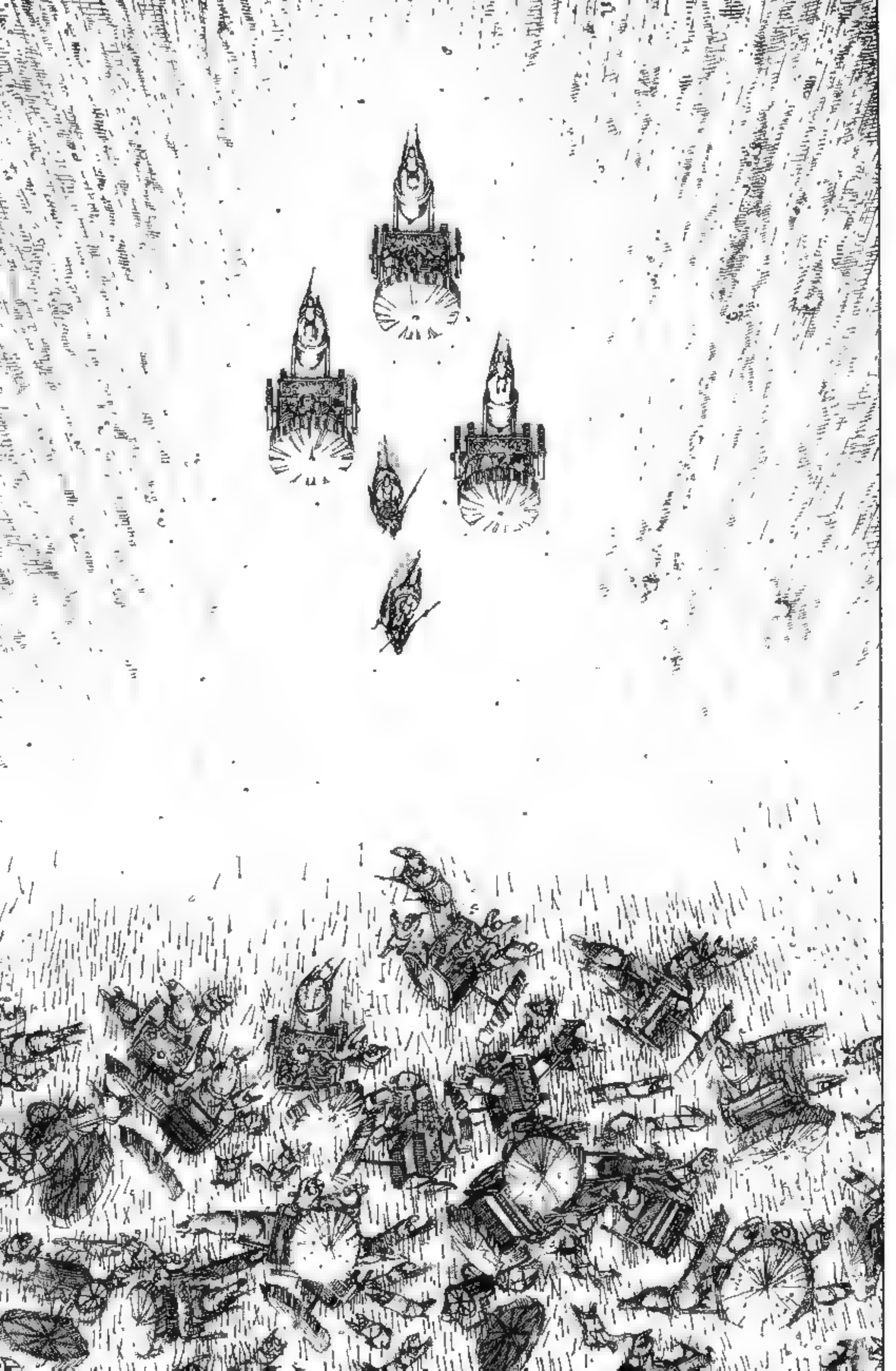
DOES THIS WORLD... STILL BELONG TO THE JIU CLAN?

IT HAS STARTED DURING THE "GREATEST AGE OF THIS LAND;

IT RISES,
AND IT FALLS.

DARKNESS
WILL COME
NEVITABLY...

DA~



AND ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE DARK.

ARE FINALLY LAID TO REST HERE.

THE FORMER EMPEROR'S REMAINING VASSALS

OUR MEN ON THE MAIN TACK

DAMN! SO CLOSE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ALL DOING?

ANY HISTORIANS HERE? WRITE THIS DOWN: LI AND GUO EVEN DARE TO MURDER COURT OFFICIALS IN FRONT OF HIS MAJESTY!

HIS MAJESTY IS YOUNG, SO HIS MISTAKES ARE THE FAULT OF TREACHEROUS OFFICIALS, WHO MUST BE EXTERMINATED!

THE TWO OF US ARE DEVOTED TO HIS MAJESTY; WE ARE ONLY PERFORMING A LOYALIST'S DUTY, AND HEAVEN IS OUR WITNESS.

YOU SHOULD NOT WORRY YOUR LOYAL VASSALS.

CHANGAN IS STILL THE CAPITAL. IF YOUR MAJESTY STILL REGARDS HIMSELF AS THE SON OF HEAVEN...

PLEASE RETURN.

PLEASE

RETURN!

PLEASE

RETURN!

PLEASE RETURN TO CHANGAN, YOUR MAJESTY!

DON'T LISTEN TO THEIR NONSENSE, YOUR MAJESTY. THEY WOULD NOT DARE TO HARM YOU.

TRUE, I AM THEIR "IMPERIAL SEAL".

THAT IS THE MEANING OF MY LIFE.

I, CAN LIVE A LONG LIFE, AND ENJOY A LIFETIME OF LUXURY.

WHY SHOULD I WALK ON THIS MUDDY ROAD?

STAND UP!

WHY LET YOUR DOGS TOY WITH THE WORLD WHEN YOU HAVE MORE CLOUT?

I USED TO RELY ON DONG ZHUO, BUT IT LED ME TO THIS STATE.

WHY LEAVE THE WORLD TO FEND FOR ITSELF WHEN YOU HAVE POWER YOU CAN USE?

DOGS WILL RUN THE WORLD IF THE SON OF HEAVEN DOESN'T BOTHER TO RULE!

MANY YEARS L'ATER, I FINALLY UNDERSTAND ...

TO GOVERN THE WORLD ONE MUST PERSONALLY TAKE A STEP FORWARD.

THE SON OF HEAVEN IS THE HEAD, THE LEADER, NOT THE TAIL!

LI JUE, GUO SI,

GASP~

I WANT TO TOUR THE COUNTRY!

FOLLOW ME ... IF YOU ARE A LOYALIST!

A MAN WILL SHOW HIS TRUE COLOR SOONER OR LATER. WHAT IS THIS NOW?

DOES IT EVEN MATTER?

PA!

I AM LOYAL TO YOU, AND I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO SAY THIS.

YANG FENG RELEASE HIS MAJESTY.

YOU ALL SHOULD FOLLOW!

HE'S USING THE EMPEROR AS A SHIELD, DON'T SHOOT!

GUO SI,

MEN OF DIFFERING VIEWS CANNOT COOPERATE, NO WONDER WE NEVER WORKED WELL TOGETHER.

A MAN MUST HAVE DETERMIN-ATION, AND YOU HAVE NEVER HAD IT.

YOU!?

THE EMPEROR WILL GROW UP EVENTUALLY. WE NEED NOT WASTE OUR TIME TO RAISE A SON OF THE LIU CLAN.

THAT'S MY SINCEREST CONFESSION TO YOU!

SO LET ME...

THE LIU CLAN HAD TO CONQUER THE WORLD TOO.

THE FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN USED HIS SKILLS TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, AND THAT WAS HIS MANDATE OF HEAVEN.

AS DESCENDANTS OF THE THRONE, THEY NATURALLY ASSUMED THIS MANDATE.

IT IS THEN BY FATE THAT THE WORLD IS RUINED!

BRIGHTEN THE SKY ABOVE OUR WORLD!

SON
OF
HEAVEN

PLEASE TURN BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, YOUR MAJESTY!

MAYBE IT IS TOO LATE...

HIS MAJESTY,

BUT.

IS FINALLY ACTING LIKE A SON OF HEAVEN!

IMPERIAL RAN HAS ENDURED GENERATIONS OF WEAK RULE. NOW WHEN AN EMPEROR BEGINS TO LEARN THE WAY...

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN AT DUSK?

HOW IRONIC!

THOUGH THE IRONY IS...
THE GOLDEN SUNLIGHT
WILL SHINE ON THE
CONQUEROR...

LOYALISTS TEND
TO BE FLATTERERS
HOW IRONIC

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CHAPTER 154 THE THIRD IRONY

A...
ASSASSIN!

MEDIC!
CALL THE
MEDIC!

GOOD
JOB!

NO, THAT
WASN'T
ME.

UP
THERE!

PA~

FOO~

WHO'S THERE?

PONG

WHICH WARLORD CALLED THAT MOVE?

A MADMAN.

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

MAYBE SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU, MY LORD.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

SIR YANG ISN'T THE ONLY ONE... WHO WANTS TO USE ME, RIGHT?

YOUR... YOUR MAJESTY, HOW CAN YOU SUSPECT MY LOYALTY?

WHAT IS *LOYALTY?*

GET LOST!

SCRAM

YOU, GET, LOST.

IT'S NOT CLEAR; AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND

HOW MANY?

SHOOT ARROWS... FROM HIGH GROUND; TAKE THEM ALL DOWN!

IS THE MEDIC HERE?

YES-SIR!

GATHER, EVERYONE, ON THE MOUNTAIN.

RETREAT TO THE BACK!

PREPARE FOR AN ASSAULT!

BLUE - AMBUSH BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN.

TWO GREEN ONES - TWENTY-THOUSAND ENEMY SOLDIERS.

YUE JIN

IT SEEMS THAT THEY PLANNED TO DUKE IT OUT AFTERWARDS!

LI DIAN

TWEN... TWENTY-THOUSAND? THAT'S ALL OF THEIR FORCES!

XIAHOU DUN

AS ADVISOR SAID, LET'S SPLIT UP!

TAKE OUT ONE AT A TIME!

YESSIR!

THEY SPLIT UP; LETS MAKE THREE DIVISIONS TOO!

MAIN FORCE SHALL HANDLE THEIR FORWARD LEGION!

POOF!

SHIT!

MY LORD, FORGET HIM...

ASSASSIN! I DARE YOU TO COME BACK HERE!

JUST YOU AND ME!

THEIR FIRST DIVISION IS HERE!

ARCHERS, GET READY!

ANOTHER WARLORD HAS SENT HIS FORCES.

BUT... IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO HE IS NOW.

HISTORY JUST KEEPS REPEATING ITSELF.

PA~

THE HIGHER OUR POSITION, THE MORE WE APPEAR POWERLESS.

US LOYALISTS WATCHED AS THE WORLD SUCCUMBS TO CHAOS;

LOYALIST...

STATE YOUR NAME.

CAO... CAO CAO? IMPOSSIBLE, HOW COULD HE GET HERE SO FAST?

踏 TA~

HE WHO PREEMPTS OPPORTUNITIES TAKES THE WORLD; NO WONDER HE COULD CLIMB THIS HIGH.

CAO CAO, I AM DONG...

NOT ONLY AM I SURPRISED AT HIS SPEED, BUT ALSO... THAT HE APPROVES OF MY RESPECTABLE STATUS!

LOOM

THAT MAN RISKING HIS LIFE FOR HIS MAJESTY IS XU HUANG.

XUN YU

I'LL REMEMBER THAT.

YOU MIGHT BE THINKING, DONG...

WHAT... AM I BOASTING ABOUT?

DONG ...

DONG ..

A MAN'S VALUE IS NOT BASED ON POSITION, BUT ON DETERMINATION.

I CAME FROM AN EUNUCH FAMILY, ENDURED COLD SHOULDERS, BUT I FOUGHT FOR MY PLACE AMONG THE VARIOUS LORDS.

UNLIKE ME, YOUR POSITION WAS HIGH,

HOW AN IMPORTANT COURT OFFICIAL IS WORTH LESS THAN A NAMELESS MAN.

BUT YOU DIDN'T USE THAT ADVANTAGE TO EXPAND YOUR INFLUENCES, LOSING SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

A SHAME!

IT'S NOT A SHAME TO BE WEAK, BUT IT IS A SHAME TO JUST GET BY WITHOUT DETERMI-NATION!

I WORSHIP THE TEACHINGS OF CONFUCIUS AND MENCIUS

GOOD NEWS, THE AMAZON WORMED

HOW WOULD I EVEN THINK OF HOLDING HIS MAJESTY HOSTAGE? SUCH A TREACHEROUS ACT, CAO CAO...

I SNEER AT YOU!

DONG CHENG, I KNOW YOU'RE MISINTERPRETING MY WORDS.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPAND YOUR INFLUENCE - WHETHER IT'S OUT OF LOYALTY OR TREACHERY, ONE COULD STILL ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING.

WHEN CORRUPT OFFICIALS ARISE,

TRUE LOYALISTS SHOULD USE POWER TO SUPPRESS THEM.

BUT IS IT JUST BREAKING WIND?

YOU TALK LOYALTY,

嗚嘩 WAH~

ALL TALK AND NO ACTION, WERE THE WORDS JUST FLATTERY?

THAT DAY, I WEPT, FOR THE LIFE I HAVE WASTED.

WHY ARE LOYALISTS FLATTERERS?

HOW IRONIC!

THOUGH THE IRONY IS,
LOYAL VASSALS ARE MORE
DISTINGUISHED UNDER AN
INCOMPETENT LORD

GOOD ADVICE TENDS TO BE HARD TO ACCEPT; HOW IRONIC.

THE MAIN FORCE HAS BEEN SURROUNDED - THEYRE STUCK ON THE MOUNTAIN!

DIVISION TWO HAS BEEN SEPARATED!

FRIGHTENING!

MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION WITH DIVISION TWO DONT LET THEM SURRENDER!

SUCH POWER FROM SUCH A SMALL FORCE, THEY...

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TRAINING AT PUYANG REALLY PAID OFF, MY LORD. YOUR SKILLS TRULY TAKE THE CROWN.

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU AT ALL.

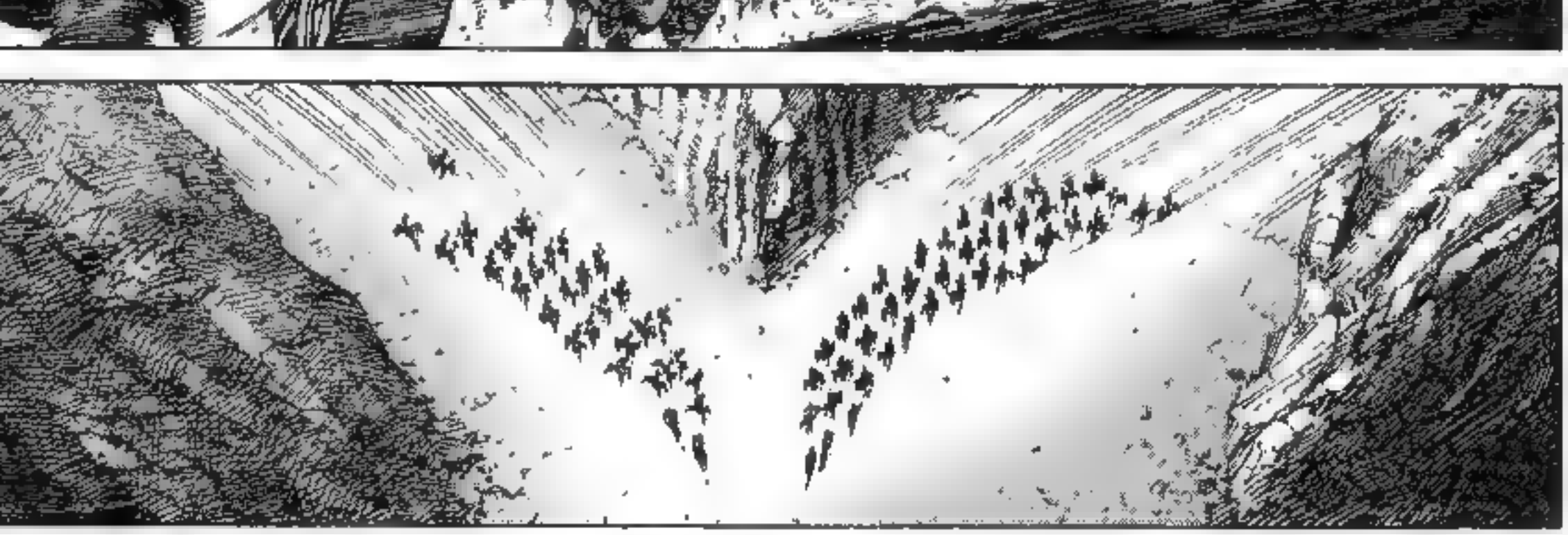
YOU SHOULD EXERCISE RESTRAINT ON YOUR VICIOUS USE OF FORCE.

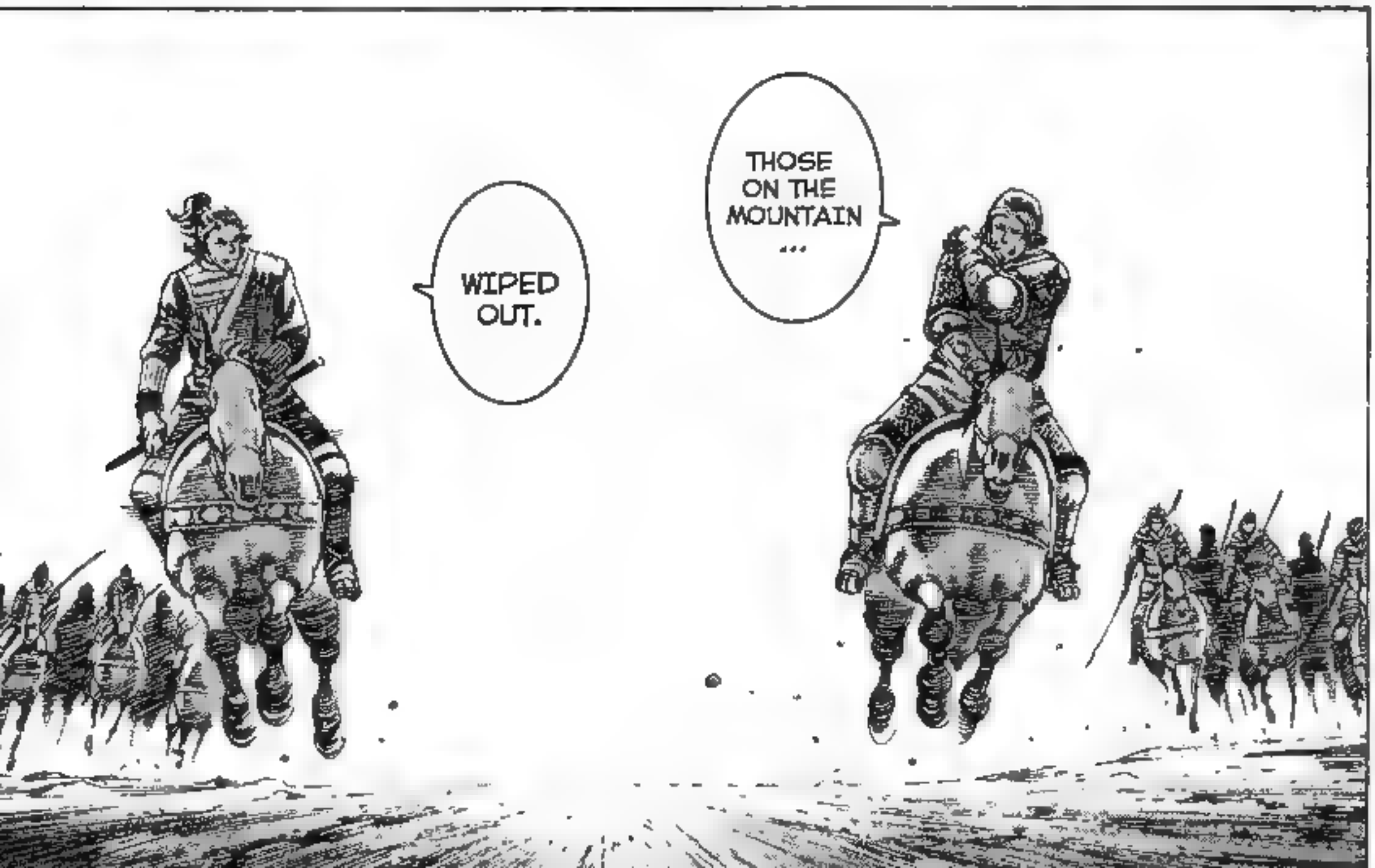
SO... WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE, ADVISOR?

WE SHOULD HOLD OFF THE ATTACK ONCE OUR TROOPS REACH HUAYING.

TOO MERCIFUL, BUT THAT SUITS YOU.

KILL





YOU LOOK ALL SHAKEN UP!

YOU'RE NO BETTER!

MY LORD, THEY'RE IN PURSUIT!

LOOM~

HURRY! ZHANG JI'S MAIN CAMP IS JUST AHEAD!

WE CAN'T CATCH UP!

WHAT SPEED! THEIR REDHARE CAVALRY IS REALLY SOMETHING!

PURSUE FOR TEN LI, THEN HOLD OUR GROUND. XUN YU IS WAY TOO CONSERVATIVE!

FLAG READS: ZHANG

PA~

FOOLS.

THEY HAVE TWO THOUS-AND!

ZHANG JI,

LET'S GIVE THEM A COUNTER-ATTACK!

BEFORE THEY SET UP FORMAT-IONS,

LEND ME THREE THOUSAND MORE TO FLANK THEIR RIGHT!

GIVE ME THREE THOUSAND MEN TO FLANK THEIR LEFT!

NO MATTER HOW MANY YOU TAKE... THEY'RE JUST GOING TO DIE

MY LORD, THE EIGHTH BATTALION HAS ALSO LEFT!

OUR DAYS ARE OVER; WE CAN'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH ANYMORE.

OK, YOU CAN LEAVE TOO!

WHERE ARE OUR LORD'S REMAINING FORCES?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, ZHANG JI?

IF SOLDIERS HAVE NO MOTIVATION TO FIGHT, WHY FORCE THEM TO?

THE REMAINING... WILL JUST DIE FOR YOUR AMBITIONS.

WHAT MADE YOU THINK YOU CAN CLAIM RULERSHIP WHEN YOU TWO CAN'T EVEN CONTROL CHANGAN?

XILIANG MIGHT NOT BE GREAT, BUT AS FARMERS,

WE CAN STILL MAKE IT, I THINK.

GOOD ADVICE MIGHT BE HARD TO ACCEPT, BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.

COMRADES,

FORGET HIM, LI JUE, HE HAS LOST IT.

THAT'S FINE, WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.

I'LL SPARE YOU FOR NOW, ZHANG JI!

RIGHT. WE'LL START OVER FROM THERE!

LET'S GO! WE'LL HOLD OUR GROUND IN CHANGAN!

POWER CORRUPTS.

IT IS TOO LATE TO TURN BACK ONCE WE CHOOSE THE CROOKED PATH.

MY LORD'S DREAM IS ALREADY GONE...

THE FUNNY THING IS...

DONG

I...

STILL WILLINGLY SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THOSE TWO FOOLS!

YOU SIR, ARE A FOOL TOO!

НАНА...

STILL... UNPLEASANT TO HEAR!

YOU MEAN... THEY'RE STILL DOOMED IF THEY RETURN TO CHANGAN?

YES. CHANGAN'S PEOPLE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR RULE. WU XI AND HIS FELLOWS WILL BRING US THEIR HEADS WITHIN THREE DAYS.

SO I CAN TAKE IN ALL OF DONG ZHUO'S REMAINING FORCES?

WE WILL THEN OBTAIN CHANGAN WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES, WHICH MAKES FOR A BETTER DEAL.

YES, JUST LIKE WHEN YOU TOOK IN THE YELLOW TURBANS.

WE CAME WITH FIVE THOUSAND, BUT LEAVE WITH FIFTY THOUSAND. XUN YU, I'M THINKING...

I KNOW.

I WILL BE MORE POWERFUL THAN GUO JIA IF I PLAN MORE VICIOUSLY.

YES, MERCY IS BETTER USED DURING PEACETIME, NOT DURING WARTIME.

AN ABLE MINISTER AT PEACETIME; AN ANTI-HERO AT WARTIME.

THIS REMINDS ME OF MASTER'S CRITIQUE ABOUT YOU, MY LORD...

MY ENTRANCE PROVED THE FIRST HALF;

GUO JIA'S ENTRANCE PROVED THE SECOND HALF.

THE TRUTH IS HARD TO FATHOM; SOMETIMES A DEMON, SOMETIMES A SAVIOR...

HOW COULD BOTH TYPES OF PEOPLE APPEAR BEFORE YOU AT THE SAME TIME, MY LORD?

BUT I NEVER UNDERSTOOD HOW YOU CAN EMBRACE AN ABSURD IDEOLOGY LIKE "CHAOS BEFORE COMFORT"!

MAYBE I AM A PATHETIC SLAVE TO THE OLD WAYS,

LIFE IS PRECIOUS. WHY ARE THE ABLE MINISTERS LOVED BY THE PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES?

AND WHY ARE THE ANTI-HEROES HATED BY THE PEOPLE FOREVER?

MORALITY IS WHAT HEAVEN MEANT IT TO BE - RIGHT OR WRONG HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNAMBIGUOUSLY CLEAR.

WHY IS IT ALWAYS HARD TO ACCEPT GOOD ADVICE?

HOW IRONIC!

THOUGH THE IRONY IS...
WHO DOESN'T LIKE FLATTERY?

CAO HONG

BOTH BATTALIONS IN THE BACK HAVE SURRENDERED.

LOOK CAREFULLY - THESE MEN USED TO BE COMMON FOLKS.

IF THEY HAD SUCH ABILITY, CAO HONG, WHY ARE THINGS STILL THE WAY THEY ARE?

LI AND GUO ARE CRUEL, IF ONLY THE HUNDRED COURT OFFICIALS SOMEHOW RALLIED THE PEOPLE...

YOU MEAN... THEY WERE DRAFTED BY LI AND GUO AGAINST THEIR WILL?

SECOND, HE LACKS AN ASSISTANT,

IMPERIAL HAN IS WEAK, BECAUSE FIRST THE LEADER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH BEHIND THE POLITICS;

THE TWO HELD HIS MAJESTY HOSTAGE. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE JUST DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

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CHAPTER 156 THE ANGER OF IMPERIAL HAN

AN ABLE MINISTER.

LOOK, HE ACCEPTS OUR SURRENDER.

TH... THAT'S GREAT! NO MORE FIGHTING.

DISTRIBUTE SOME FOOD, THEN SEND THEM HOME. ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURE - I WANT TO SEE FERTILE FARM-LANDS ALL AROUND CHANGAN.

ALL THESE TO APPEASE THE PUBLIC.

ALSO, GIVE THOSE COURT OFFICIALS RESPECTABLE BURIALS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD.

NO WONDER THE LOCAL PEOPLE ARE ALL IN SUPPORT OF A-MAN WHEREVER HE GOES.

THE CHIEF ADVISOR GUO JIA WALKS THE PATH OF WAR,

WHILE HE WALKS... THE PATH OF NURTURE.

BLACK AND WHITE, WITH THESE TWO, A-MAN IS LIKE GAINING A PAIR OF WINGS.

WHY WOULD SUCH A MAN OF RULE AND ORDER SERVE UNDER AN AMBITIOUS WARLORD LIKE A-MAN?

EXCEPT...

HAHA,

WH- WHAT?

YOU DID SQUAT WHILE I EASILY CUT OFF ZHANG JI'S HEAD.

BUT I DEFEATED TEN THOUSAND MEN WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES!

HEH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

HAHA, WHAT KIND OF MESSED UP "BATTLE" WAS THIS!

WHAT'RE WE BRAGGING ABOUT? THIS ACCOMPLISH-MENT...

I CAPTURED ZHANG JI'S CAMP WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES; MY ACCOMPLISHMENT MUST RANK THE HIGHEST.

結
KING-
好

WHO THE HECK IS THIS GUY?

GOODGOD, GENERAL XU CHU CAN'T GET AN UPPER HAND!

YANG FENG.

DO YOU SEE A GOD OF WAR?

NO, I MEANT AN IMMORTAL.

YOUR... YOUR MAJESTY, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON ESCAPE, DON'T BOAST ABOUT XU HUANG!

HOW COULD THE LIKES OF LÜ BU HAVE MY IMMORTALITY?

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

DONG DON'T HURT THE EMPEROR!

-ILL-

HE... DECLARES HIMSELF A GOD OF WAR!?

GENERAL, WE CAN'T LET HIS MAJESTY GET AWAY, BUT...

I... AM POWERLESS NOW.

I SEE, SO IT'S UP TO HIM WHO HE WANTS TO BE HELD HOSTAGE BY.

KILL~

STINKING, BRAT!

HOLD IT.

YOU ARE FRIGHTENED, YOUR MAJESTY!

HAN'S LOYALIST CAO CAO IS LATE TO YOUR RESCUE!

OUR LORD IS HERE TO ESCORT YOU!

PLEASE DISMOUNT, YOUR MAJESTY!

HE... HE IS CAO CAO!?

HOW CAN A MAN LIKE HIM SURVIVE THIS WORLD?

THE MAN WHO KILLED OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN XUZHOU!

HOW CAN SUCH A RUTHLESS MAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE HE GOVERNS?

WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE?

HOW CAN THE FEROCIOUS WARLORD OF QIN UNITE THE WORLD?

WHAT IS THE IMPERIAL POWER?

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THIS?

HOW DO YOU HAVE THE EMPEROR?

HOW DO YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE?

THE FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN USED TO BE A MARQUIS,

HIS WORLD,

PA~

XU HUANG!

I FINALLY TRULY UNDERSTAND IT!

POOF~

THANKS.

I AM THE EMPEROR! WHAT AM I STANDING ON?

WHAT DOES THIS EARTH NOURISH?

IT IS OVER HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF THE MIGHTY HAN EMPIRE!

GASP

THE CHAOS; THE SUFFERINGS. FOR YEARS THE TREACHEROUS OFFICIALS ABUSED THEIR POWER, AND PUT THE PEOPLE THROUGH HELL!

WHY ARE THE PEOPLE OF HAN FIGHTING EACH OTHER, INSTEAD OF LIVING A COMFORTABLE LIFE?

LIU XIE WILL ASK ONLY THIS: WILL YOU ALL CONTINUE TO DESTROY THIS HOME OF OURS?

PA~

PA~

PA~

THIS BOY... ACTUALLY KNOWS HOW TO PLAY POLITICS!

WITH ONLY A FEW WORDS HE BLAMES ALL THE LORDS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S DECLINE.

THE TEACHINGS OF CONFUCIUS AND MENCIUS HAVE WORSENED THE GROTESQUE NATURE OF THIS ERA!

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH THIS UNIQUE SERVITUDE MENTALITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

CRAP!

PA~

CAO CAO!
I HATE YOU
FOR BEING
LATE!

AFTER YEARS OF SLUMBER,
THE ANGER OF IMPERIAL
HAN HAS FINALLY ERUPTED
ON THIS DAY!

AN ABLE MINISTER, AS WELL AS AN ANTI-HERO

TAKE THE EMPEROR AND WE TAKE THE WORLD YEAH RIGHT! THANKS TO YOUR IDEA WE'RE NOW...

IS IT A CONTRADICTION TO BE BOTH?

IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY HAVE THIS INTENTION, MY LORD, HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?

WH... WHAT?

THE WINGS HAVE GROWN.

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CHAPTER 157 POST-LOYALISM

THANKS TO YOUR AMBITION, YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING VERY MEANINGFUL TO THIS WORLD.

NOW, THERE ARE TWO PATHS BEFORE YOU.

ONE LEADS TO LIFE...

WH... WHAT? YOU WERE PUT DOWN?

IT WAS A CRITICAL MOMENT, HOW COULD I HAVE DONE ANYTHING ELSE IN FRONT OF THOSE SLAVES?

I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE HOLDING A NESTLING HOSTAGE. WHO COULD'VE KNOWN... THAT IT'S A FULL GROWN EAGLE!

THAT'S STRANGE, THE EMPEROR HAS ALWAYS BEEN TIMID BEFORE LI AND GUO.

HOW COULD HE HAVE TURNED INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON ALL OF A SUDDEN?

AS AN ANTI-HERO, A MAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

AN UNCOOPERATIVE EMPEROR WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR FUTURE CONQUEST!

I SAW,

IF HIS FATHER HAD SHOWN SUCH POWER, HOW COULD THE WORLD BE IN PIECES NOW?

THE LOST PRESTIGE OF THE GREAT HAN.

AND HOW COULD ANTI-HEROES LIKE ME FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR OUR OWN GAINS?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

WHEN I SAW THE IMPERIAL PRESTIGE, I HAD AN IMPULSIVE DESIRE TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR THE EMPIRE.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE JUST BEEN HAD.

THAT UNINVITED MAN!

YOU'VE BEEN HAD? BY WHO?

YANG FENG, YOU ALWAYS PICK THE WRONG PATH.

WORK AGAINST CORRUPT VASSALS!

YES. SIR.

ONLY ARROWS, MAN CHONG,

SAY, WHY WOULD A TALENTED MAN LIKE XU HUANG SERVE UNDER A DOG LIKE YANG FENG?

WHY DIDN'T XUN YU LEAVE, WHEN I INTENDED TO HOLD THE EMPEROR HOSTAGE?

TODAY I SEE A GENIUS, WHOSE TALENT RISES ABOVE THAT OF JIA XU AND GUO JIA!

SHOO~

WHY DID THE EMPEROR SUDDENLY LEAVE CHANGAN, JUST WHEN I WAS PLANNING TO ATTACK THE CITY?

THEY WERE IN THIS TOGETHER? YOU MEAN... XUN YU SET THIS UP?

TRAINING THROUGH BATTLE IS FUNDAMENTAL IN WARFARE. I TRAINED SOLDIERS AT PUYANG; HE TAUGHT THE EMPEROR AT HUAYING

THE EMPEROR'S CHANGE TODAY WAS DUE TO HIS REALIZATION OF HIS INHERENT "PRIVILEGE"!

A-MAN, THAT BOY XUN YU THINKS NOTHING OF YOU.

WHY DON'T WE STRIKE NOW, BEFORE HE INFLUENCES THE EMPEROR...

YES, THE EMPEROR COMMANDS THE WORLD, SO HIS ENEMIES MUST FACE A WORLD OF OPPOSITION.

MICIUS SAID, IT MAY BE HARD TO EXTEND A STRONG BOW, BUT ITS ARROWS WILL FLY HIGH AND PIERCE DEEP; A PRIZED STEED MAY BE HARD TO RIDE, BUT IT CAN CARRY HEAVY LOADS AND REACH FAR PLACES.

WHY DIDN'T THE WARMONGERING GUO JIA GO HELP DONG ZHUO? WHY DIDN'T THE PEACE-LOVING XUN YU GO HELP YUAN SHAO?

I'M BOTH AN ANTI-HERO AND AN ABLE MINISTER.

WITH THE AMBITION FOR CONQUEST, AND THE ABILITY TO GOVERN WITH KINDNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

BOTH OF THEM ARE CLEVERLY PICKING THE INSTRUMENT THAT WILL HELP THEM REACH THEIR GOAL.

A TRUE LOYAL VASSAL WOULD USE POWER TO SUPPRESS THE CORRUPT ONES.

IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT XUN YU WOULD STILL GOVERN WITH BENEVOLENCE UNDER MY NAME, EVEN WHEN I HAVE REVEALED MY AMBITION.

LIKE THE EMPEROR, I AM ALSO BEING TAUGHT A LESSON.

WHY ARE THE ABLE MINISTERS LOVED BY THE PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES?

HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THESE TWO POLARIZED GENIUSES, I HAVE SUDDENLY UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING.

I AM TRULY A MAN WHO CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

WE GET CHANGAN WITHOUT ENTERING HOSTILE GROUND, AND WE WON SUPPORT WITHOUT A BLOODY FIGHT.

SO WU XI REALLY WOULD MAKE A MOVE. NO WONDER THAT BOY TOLD ME TO PURSUE FOR ONLY TEN LI - HE HAS ALREADY PREDICTED THIS.

WITH "WHITE" METHODS WE ACCEPT CIVILIANS AND ESTABLISH OURSELVES THROUGH KINDNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. EACH ASPECT MUST COMPLEMENT THE OTHER.

MY LORD, MY MASTER MAN CHONG HEARD THAT YOU HAVE MET A TALENTED MAN ON THE WAY HERE. AND BY LUCK THEY KNEW EACH OTHER...

ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

EVER SINCE THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DONG ZHUO, I HAVE BEEN BUILDING MY EMPIRE'S FOUNDATION THROUGH "BLACK" METHODS.

IF YOU MEAN XU HUANG, JUST TELL HIM TO GET HIS BUTT OVER HERE!

WH... WHAT?

NO MATTER. I APPRECIATE IT.

XUN YU - HE HAS SURPASSED THEM!

PEOPLE DO NOT THINK THE SAME WAY.

LETTING THE LIGHT AND DARKNESS COME TOGETHER AND USING THEM WITH EASE,

THAT IS THE SO-CALLED "HARMONY".

CONTRADICTIONS ARE BUT FOOLS' WORRY.

SUDDENLY WE SEE THE TRUE WAY OF GOVERNANCE!

IN 196 AD, CAO CAO RETURNED THE EMPEROR TO HIS THRONE, AND SET THE CAPITAL AT XUXIAN.

IMPERIAL HAN DID NOT FALL DURING THE TENS OF YEARS WHEN XUN YU SERVED IN THE IMPERIAL COURT.

NEITHER DID CAO CAO.

ONE MAY APPEAR AGREEABLE,

PEOPLE DO NOT THINK THE SAME WAY.

BUT DEEP DOWN.. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE IS THINKING?

WE DEFINITELY DO NOT!

XUZHOU. XIAPI

NONE OF YOU APPROVES?

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CHAPTER 158 THEIR THOUGHTS ARE NOT MY THOUGHTS

WE CANNOT WORK WITH A MAN WHO IS AS AMBITIOUS AS LU BU.

MI ZHU

LIU BEI

THEN, ALL OF YOU DISAPPROVE OF THIS?

YES. WHY NOT JUST SEND SOME TROOPS TO CHASE HIM AWAY!

HIS PREVIOUS LORDS DING YUAN AND DONG ZHUO BOTH ENDED BADLY, SO WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.

CAO BAO, PAYING A DEBT IS ONE THING, BEING RIGHT OR WRONG IS QUITE ANOTHER!

BROTHER MI, AREN'T WE MAKING OUR LORD APPEAR DISHONORABLE IF WE REFUSE?

CAO BAO

HOWEVER... COULD WE HAVE KEPT XUZHOU IF LU BU HADN'T ATTACKED CAO CAO?

IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC,

I'M JUST A MAN WHO USES THE TITLE OF "IMPERIAL UNCLE" FOR MY OWN BENEFIT;

YET WHO KNOWS WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING ABOUT?

THAT'S WISE.

PEOPLE MIGHT VIEW LU BU AS BEING DISLOYAL, BUT HE ELIMINATED DONG ZHUO FROM THIS WORLD.

WHAT ARE YOU ALL WORRIED ABOUT?

ARE YOU WORRIED THAT MY BROTHER CAN'T ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS?

WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT LU BU. HOW CAN WE JUDGE HIM BASED ON WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT HIM?

OUR LORD HAS THESE TWO GENERALS TO PROTECT HIM, SO WHAT ARE YOU ALL AFRAID OF?

THEN LET ME SPEAK WITH SIR ZHANG AGAIN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

GUAN YU

OR ARE YOU WORRIED THAT LU BU IS TOO POWERFUL?

YOU'RE STILL A FOOL NO MATTER WHAT I THINK.

THOSE WHO'RE WILLING TO FOLLOW ME,

ARE BIGGER FOOLS.

OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT SEE YUN CHANG AS A MAN BLINDED BY LOYALTY,

BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING ABOUT?

LORD LIU WANTS ME TO SETTLE IN XIAOPEI FIRST?

YES, XIAOPEI IS A DEVELOPING REGION. GOOD THINGS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM IT.

XUZHOU. OUTSKIRTS

THEN PLEASE SEND MY THANKS TO IMPERIAL UNCLE LIU, MISTER JIAN.

LÜ BU

GAO SHUN

NO NEED. WE WOULD BE THANKING YOU IF YOU DON'T PLOT SOMETHING.

SCRATCH!

...TO BE 5 PAGE

JIAN YONG

BEST TO ACCEPT.

IMPERIAL UNCLE LIU PLANNED FOR A BANQUET TOMORROW. COMING OR NOT IS UP TO YOU.

THEN I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

CHEN GONG

HE'S BLUNT AND ON THE MARK, NOT A SIMPLETON.

THIS... THIS GUY IS LIU BEI'S AMBASS-ADOR?

SO ARROGANT.

XIAOPEI ... GOOD IDEA.

WHAT?

XUZHOU.
INNER
TERRITORY

YOU GUYS ARE NO MATCH FOR HIM.

GET BACK HERE.

PEOPLE SEE MISTER ZHANG AS A FOOLHARDY MAN, BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S REALLY THINKING ABOUT?

ZHANG LIAO

ZHANG FEI

HERE TO ADMIRE THE MOUNTAINS AGAIN, MISTER ZHANG?

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR ENEMY.

ME EITHER, SO LET'S BE FRANK.

YOU PEOPLE AND YUAN SHU STRUCK A DEAL TO HAVE LU BU GET RID OF MY BIG BROTHER.

XIAOPEI IS A DEAD LAND. MY LORD WILL END UP A GHOST UNDER YOUR BRUSH IF HE SETTLES THERE.

SO AS AN ARTIST YOU COME TO PAINT THE AREAS FOR POTENTIAL ENTRAPMENT.

SO AS A TRAVELER YOU COME TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ESCAPE-ROUTES.

ZHANG'S ALWAYS LIKE TO FIND "COMMON GROUNDS".

AMAZ-ING.

BUT US ZHANG'S HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT OUR GREATEST ENEMY IS NOT ONE ANOTHER.

IT'S ALMOST FULLY HEALED.

MISTER HUA'S CHOICE OF MEDICINES ARE UNHEARD OF. WHAT AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE.

MY LORD'S INJURIES WERE SO SEVERE WE DIDN'T THINK THE WOUNDS WOULD HEAL, LET ALONE THIS FAST...

SOON I WILL BE SERVING THE PEOPLE AGAIN, THANKS TO MISTER HUA. HOPE YOU WOULD LOOK OUT FOR US IN THE FUTURE.

YOU SOUND UPBEAT, GENERAL.

YES-SIR.

CHAPTER FIVE IS WRONG.

MEETING SUCH A BENEFICIAL GUEST IS A GREAT SIGN FOR YOUR AMBITIOUS FUTURE, GENERAL.

BECAUSE I'VE MET THE RIGHT PERSON AT THE RIGHT TIME.

AM I THAT GUEST, I WONDER?

PEOPLE SEE HUA TUO AS A FAMOUS DOCTOR, BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S REALLY THINKING ABOUT?

HUA TUO

OR IS IT THE PERSON THAT I SAVED?

I'LL BE IN MY TENT MIXING MEDICINES.

REMEMBER, NO ONE SHALL ENTER WITHOUT MY ORDER.

YES-SIR.

I ASKED FOR IT, DIDN'T I.

I... THOUGHT YOU WERE LU BU.

A MAN OF SUCH ABILITIES, NO WONDER EVEN DONG ZHUO LOST TO HIM.

LU BU SEEMS TO BE QUITE WARY OF YOU, FOR HE ONLY DARES TO WATCH YOU FROM A DISTANCE.

OF COURSE, MISTER HUA, I OWE YOU MY LIFE.

I KNOW YOUR "SECRET", SO YOU BETTER BEHAVE IF YOU WANT TO LIVE.

YOU WANT TO FIND A COMMON GROUND?

THOUGH YOU SEEM TO HAVE ANOTHER AGENDA.

THEN YOUR LORD CAN ELIMINATE HIS OPPONENT AND GET XUZHOU.

OUR COMMON GROUND... IS TO LET TWO ENEMIES WEAR EACH OTHER OUT.

SO IS IT BY THE INGENIOUS LU BU? OR THE POISONOUS CAO CAO?

WE'RE ALL EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. HOPE YOU WILL LOOK OUT FOR US IN THE FUTURE.

BOTH HEGEMONS WANT ME TO TAKE OVER XUZHOU. WHY NOT HUMOR THEM?

PEOPLE SEE ME AS A GREEDY INGRATE,

SOMEONE WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE BENEVOLENT MAN AND CLAIM THE THRONE; SOMEONE WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE ENEMY AND OBTAIN XUZHOU. THE STRATEGY IS AS UNPREDICTABLE AS THE HUMAN HEART.

BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT MY NEXT MOVE WILL BE?

ELIMINATE DONG ZHUO
WHEN ONE SEES THE OPPORTUNITY.
BUT WHOM TO ELIMINATE WHEN
ONE FORGETS ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS?

HEAVEN REMAINS
THE SAME,

AND PRINCIPLES
REMAIN THE SAME.

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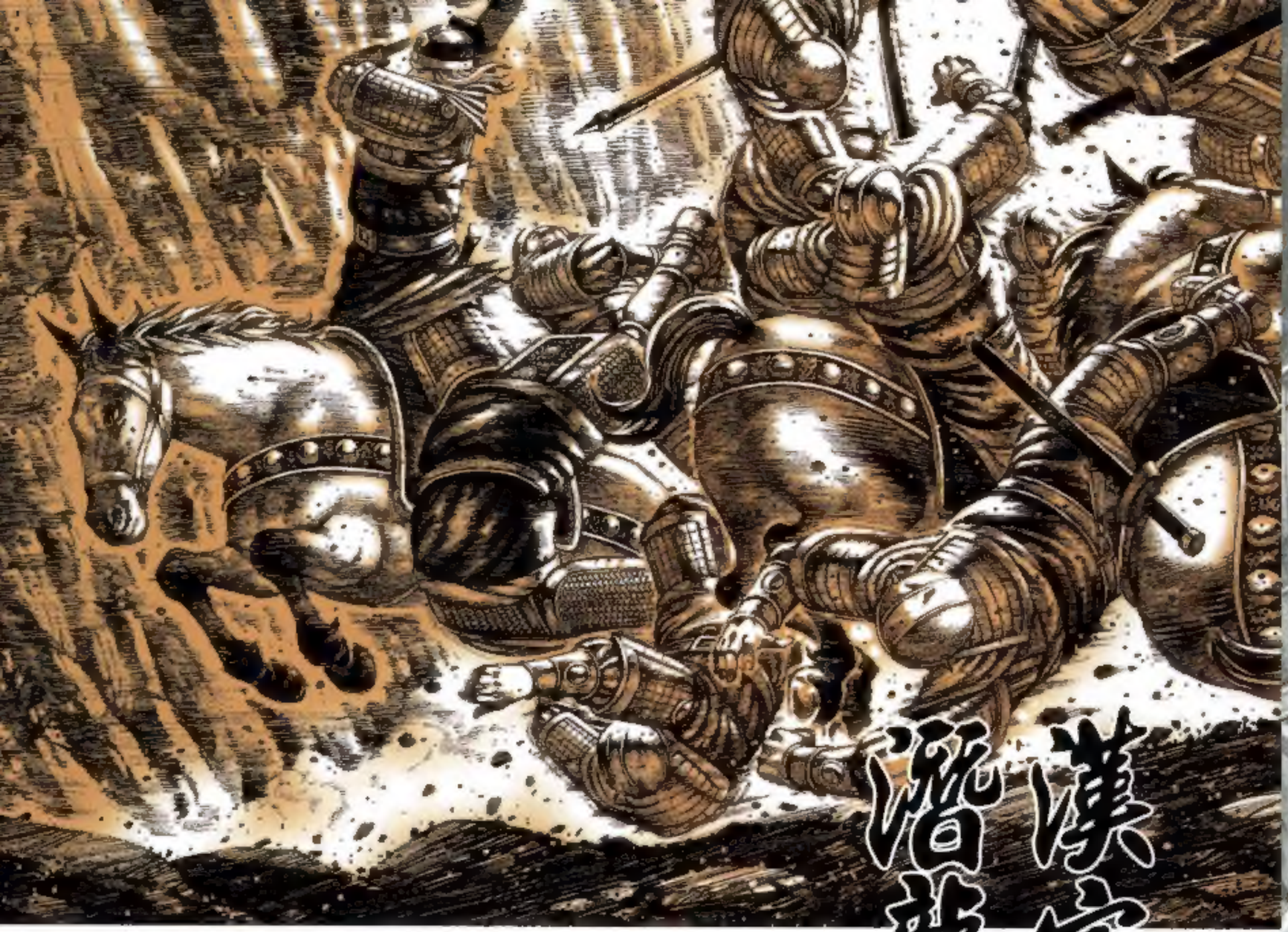

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本為一國之君，何故有權不用？

本為天下在握，何故有勢不恃？

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